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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 12854 ACTION SECSTATE 20 DEC 75.

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S E C R E T CAIRO 12854

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, SA, EG, US

SUBJECT: SAUDI TRAINING OF EGYPTIAN PILOTS

REF: STATE 300207 (RPTG JIDDA 8358)

1. I RECOGNIZE PROBLEM THAT SAUDI (OR IRANIAN) TRAINING OF  
EGYPTIAN PILOTS ON US PROVIDED AIRCRAFT POSES FOR US. ALTHOUGH  
I HAVE NO DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT WAS SAID TO SADAT AND/OR  
FAHMY ON THIS POINT DURING SADAT VISIT. I SEEM TO RECALL BEING  
TOLD BY SOMEONE THAT WE HAD TALKED WITH ONE OR THE OTHER  
ABOUT THIS MATTER AND THAT THE EGYPTIAN SIDE INDICATED  
UNDERSTANDING. IF SO, THERE SHOULD BE NO REAL PROBLEM.

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2. IF NOT, WE SHOULD EXPECT THE EGYPTIANS TO BE BITTER  
ABOUT ANY US REQUEST TO DISCONTINUE TRAINING PROGRAMS  
IN SAUDI ARABIA OR IRAN. THERE IS A GROWING BELIEF HERE  
THAT, WHATEVER CONGRESSIONAL PROBLEMS WE MAY HAVE ON  
THIS SCORE, WE HAVE BEEN PULLING THE WOOL OVER EGYPTIAN  
EYES ON THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR INTENTIONS TO OBTAIN APPROVAL TO  
BEGIN AN ARMS SALES PROGRAM FOR EGYPT. I HAVE OF LATE HEARD  
SUGGESTIONS THAT VISITING CONGRESSMEN SEEM MORE WILLING TO DO SO  
THAN IS ADMINISTRATION. THIS IDEA IS GIVEN BY CONGRESSMEN WHO TELL  
EGYPTIANS THAT ADMINISTRATION HAS NEVER ASKED FOR APPROVAL TO SELL  
ARMS TO EGYPT AND LEAVE IMPRESSION, RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY, THAT  
CONSIDERABLE CONGRESSIONAL SENTIMENT EXISTS IN FAVOR OF SUCH SALES.

3. ADDITIONALLY, OF COURSE, ANNOUNCEMENT IN LAST FEW DAYS  
OF LARGE ARMS SALE TO ISRAEL, INCLUDING F-15S, HAS  
BEEN WIDELY NOTED HERE. CONTRAST BETWEEN THIS AND INSISTENCE ON  
CANCELLATION OF SIMPLE TRAINING PROGRAMS WILL UNQUESTIONABLY  
EVOKE CRITICAL COMMENT.

4. EGYPTIANS CAN PROBABLY BE PERSUADED TO TAKE AN  
INITIATIVE WITH SAUDI RE TRAINING, BUT ASKING THEM TO DO  
SO (UNLESS PROBLEM WAS DISCUSSED DURING SADAT VISIT) WILL AT MINIMUM  
RAISE SERIOUS QUESTIONS IN MINDS EGYPTIAN LEADERSHIP AND MILITARY  
ABOUT OUR RELIABILITY.  
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